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TAGS: ELAB, ICFTU, MX

SUBJ: ORIT

REF: OTTAWA 1395

1. ORGANIZATION REGIONAL INTERAMERICANA DE TRABAJADORES  
(ORIT) HAS ELIMINATED ITS INDEBTEDNESS. NOW OPERATING IN  
BLACK WITH NINETY-EIGHT THOUSAND DOLLARS DUES FROM AFL-CIO,  
TWELVE TO FOURTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS DUES FROM MEXICAN CTM  
AND SMALLER AMOUNTS FROM OTHER AFFILIATES. VENEZUELAN CTV,  
COLUMBIAN UTC AND CTC AND PERUVIAN CTP HAVE NOT PAID DUES FOR  
SOMETIME. NEITHER DOES ICFTU CONTRIBUTE. ACCORDING TO ORIT  
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REPRESENTATIVE THEY NOT ABLE OPERATE PROGRAMS WITH PRESENT

INCOME. ONLY ABLE MAINTAIN OFFICE AND SALARIES.

2. THERE HAS BEEN CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION AMONGST MEXICAN LABOR ABOUT FUTURE OF ORIT. MEXICANS WANT ORIT OR SOME KIND OF REORGANIZED INTERAMERICAN ORGANIZATION TO CONTINUE, WITH PARTICIPATION OF AFL-CIO AND CCL. FIDEL VELAZQUEZ ON APRIL 18 REITERATED TO LABATT AND ARA LABOR ADVISOR HIS NEGATIVE POSITION ON SUGGESTION FROM VENEZULANS, COLUMBIANS AND ICFTU TO DISSOLVE ORIT AND CREATE LATIN AMERICAN ORGANIZATION WITHOUT AFL-CIO AND CCL. VELAZQUEZ SAID HE MADE THIS VERY PLAIN TO OTTO KERSTEN DURING LATTER LA TRIP. VELAZQUEZ REFERRED TO SUCH A SUGGESTION AS DIVISIONISM. HE ALSO SAID IT IS MISTAKE TO ALLOW COMMUNISTS AND CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS IN A LABOR CONFEDERATION. HE CITED THE CTV AS AN EXAMPLE OF WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THESE ELEMENTS JOIN FORCES WITH DEMOCRATS.

3. VELAZQUEZ SAID HE TOLD KERSTEN HE WOULD NOT CALL AND HOST INFORMAL MEETING OF CCL, AFL-CIO, CTM, CTV, CTC AND UTC UNLESS ICFTU AND ORIT REQUESTED HIM TO DO SO IN WRITING. HE IS NOT OPPOSED TO INFORMAL MEETING TO DISCUSS ORIT AND ICFTU MATTERS BUT SAYS HE HAS NO AUTHORITY CALL MEETING.

4. ORIT INSTITUTE FACILITIES IN CUERNAVACA PRIVATELY UP FOR SALE. PROCEEDS FROM SALE WILL PAY \$250,000 DOLLAR LOAN FROM ICFTU. CANADIANS PROBABLY SENSITIVE ABOUT SELLING INSTITUTE CONSIDERING THEIR SIZEABLE FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS OVER THE YEARS THAT BUILT SEVERAL OF INSTITUTE'S BUILDINGS.

5. VELAZQUEZ REGRETTED NOT BEING ABLE MEET WITH GEORGE MEANY IN BAL HARBOR, FLORIDA LAST FEBRUARY. HE HAS NOT RECEIVED ALTERNATIVE INVITATION.  
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